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SUBJECT: TREPPER RECEIVES PASSPORT.

1. WITH GOP DECISION TO GIVE PASSPORT TO LEOPOLD TREPPER OF "RED ORCHESTRA" FAME, EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE ARE NO REMAINING CURRENT CASES IN POLAND OF JEWS BEING PREVENTED FROM EMIGRATING TO ISRAEL. ALTHOUGH TREPPER WAS GIVEN PASSPORT RATHER THAN ONE-WAY TRAVEL DOCUMENT NORMALLY GIBEN BY GOP TO JEWS DEPARTING FOR ISRAEL, AND HE REPORTEDLY IS GOING TO LONDON, AT LEAST FOR HIS FIRST STOP, NEVERTHELESS HIS LENGTHY STRUGGLE TO LEAVE POLAND WAS ON THE BAISI OF HIS DESIRE TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL.

2. FORMER HEAD OF POLONIA AFFAIRS WINCENTY KRASKO RAISED THE TREPPER CASE DEFENSIVELY WITH B'NAI B'RITH REPRESENTATIVES DAVID BLUMBERG AND HERMAN EDELSBERG DURING THE LATTERS' VISIT TO POLAND IN EARLY JULY. ALTHOUGH BLUMBERG AND EDELSBERG HAD NOT MENTIONED
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TREPPER, KRASKO SAID THAT ALL THE STORIES BEING SPREAD

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ABROAD ABOUT TREPPER BEING IN PRISON WERE FALSE AND IN
ANY CASE WONDERED WHAT ALL THE FUSS WAS ABOUT SINCE
TREPPER HAD BEEN A DOUBLE AGENT DURING THE WAR. ASKED
BY EDELSBERG WHETHER TREPPER HAD BEEN A SOVIET OR A
POLISH AGENT, KRAKSO, AFTER SOME HESITATION, SAID
TREPPER HAD BEEN A SOVIET AGENT.

3. THE DECISION TO PERMIT TREPPER TO DEPART FOR THE
WEST OBVIOUSLY REQUIRED SOVIET CONCURRENCE WHICH PROBABLY
WAS GIVEN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE HIS ACTIVITIES DURING
WORLD WAR II AS A SOVIET AGENT HAVE ALREADY BEEN
WELL PUBLICIZED IN THE WEST AND SUFFICIENT
TIME HAS ELAPSED TO NEGATE ANY DAMAGE TO SOVIET INTELLI-
GENCE ACTIVITIES AND METHODS WHICH COULD RESULT FROM
FURTHER TREPPER REVELATIONS.
DAVIES

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